



MEASURE J RE-IMAGINE LA REENTRY SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

1. The Reentry Subcommittee was called to order by Roberto Luca and Raymundo Zacarias at 6:04 p.m.

2. Introduction and Grounding

- a. Co-chair Roberto begins by clarifying the purpose of Measure J and the impact the funding has to our communities. Roberto introduces the facilitators Aparna Shah and Chrysta Wilson.
 - i. Aparna established the meeting's purpose:
 - i. This Measure J Funding Recommendations Process will be Grounded in Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI), County's Board of Supervisors (BOS), and The County of Los Angeles Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion (ARDI)
 - ii. Subcommittee question is who does the subcommittee want Measure J to heal
- b. Chrysta began subcommittee orientation.
 - i. Chrysta provided the following meeting goals:
 - i. Community members share their wisdom
 - ii. Community Leaders share their experiences of working and what's needed with Measure J investments
 - iii. The subcommittee will learn about services and programs that are working to address disparities, build community power, and heal.
 - ii. Chrysta led provided an overview of the agenda and reviewed group agreements regarding meeting decorum.

3. Reports and Presentations

- a. Raymundo identified that the presentations are community-identified and asked the subcommittee to think of who they want to receive Measure J funds and identify areas that need such support.
 - i. Discussed the potential for public-private partnerships that would require the County to apply for use of the Measure J funds
- b. Roberto asked the subcommittee to consider both short-term and long-term recommendations and identify programs that are currently working and expand such programs. He also led discussion about what to keep in mind when addressing recommendations.
- c. Raymundo mentions to take consider capacity building for organizations and the importance of data.

4. Ingrid Archie and Susan Burton – A New Way of Life

- a. Susan begins by sharing her reentry experiences and how she identified the need for reentry services in South LA.
- b. Susan identified how difficult it would be for a CBO to compete with the County for resources to provide reentry support
- c. Susan discusses data that supports how women, specifically Black Women, need attention and help throughout the reentry process.
 - i. Trying to build more shelters and resources.
 - ii. Support individuals with the resources needed to excel in life.
 - iii. See the vision to achieve the goal of changing one's lifestyle.
 - iv. Support individuals to rise into the level of others who are succeeding and understand what role of leadership people play in our communities.
- d. Ingrid also provides her story and how she found "A New Way of Life" organization
 - i. Shares her reentry experiences and how the organization saved her life, got her services, reunified her with her family and helped her gain employment as well as allow her to be a community advocate.
 - ii. Ingrid is now a civic engagement coordinator for an organization.
 - iii. Ingrid also spoke on issues facing women who are trying to reunify their families
- e. Following the presentation, the floor was opened for public comment. The following people provided public comment:
 - i. Myron Smith
 - ii. During public comment, Susan has questions about where the funds from Measure J come from.
 - i. Raymundo shares an overview of the funding and recommendations process.
 - ii. Roberto explains the system of how the Advisory Committee decides where the grants go and provides recommendations that the public can make for Measure J. Be aware of the limited funding's that are provided.
 - iii. Raymundo shares about the public-private partnerships and the foundations that are in charge of the industry. Encourages members to share different recommendations.
 - iv. Susan also asked if the subcommittee is able to recommend that funds only go to community-based organizations
 - i. Roberto responded that he believes the subcommittee may make such a recommendation if that is the community's wishes
 - v. After the discussion between Susan, Raymundo, and Roberto, public comment resumed. The following people provided comment:

- i. Carl Populus
- ii. Kevin Orange
- iii. Marie Thomas

5. Presentation - Bambi Salcedo representing the Trans Latina Coalition.
 - a. Bamby acknowledges the previous presenters and begins the presentation.
 - b. Her organization provides supportive services for trans people in L.A. County.
 - c. Bamby declares the purpose of the organization
 - i. Advocate for the specific needs of Trans Latina Community.
 - ii. Plan strategies that improve quality of life
 - iii. Amplify education
 - iv. Provide resources to promote the empowerment of Trans leaders
 - d. Bamby shares the organization history and addresses issues of Trans Latina immigrant women who live in the U.S and shares her organization's role in the passage of the Transgender Wellness Fund.
 - e. Bamby declares the resources Trans people need.
 - i. Mental health services
 - ii. Reentry services
 - iii. Housing
 - iv. Employment
 - v. Family acceptance
 - vi. Emergency supportive services
 - vii. Develop art programs
 - f. Medical Humanities
 - i. International conversation about medicine and the engagement with humanities and art.

6. Presentation – Dr. Aquil Basheer

- a. Part of the PCITI Program (Community Healing and Community Based Approach)
- b. Dr. Basheer stresses the importance of working together for progress
- c. He also provided steps for community gaining resiliency and ownership
- d. Raymundo asked Dr. Basheer to discuss about community-based solutions to reentry.
 - i. Addresses the training components that should be recognized, managed and recovered such as dis-stress, crisis and trauma to maintain wellness and a healthy mental state.
 - ii. Dr. Basheer stated that without healing, there's no ability for routine to be established which means there is no function created.
 1. Healing from Stress, Dis-stress, Crisis, Violence and Trauma
 - iii. In order to have an effective re-entry, individuals need to target the

cause of the dis-stress, crisis, violence and traumatic events experienced that enforced the commitment of crimes.

- e. Dr. Basheer stated that If asked what the funding mechanism should like, he would respond that the subcommittee should focus upon effective reentry, targeted outreach and assertive intervention.
- f. Despite funding, providers must earn an affiliation with a community to help the community
- g. Also stressed that providers who get funding should have proven effectiveness and received community validation.

7. Public Comment following Presentations from Bamby Salcedo and Dr. Aquil Basheer

- a. The following people provided comment:
 - i. Maygin McEwen
 - ii. Shonique Williams
 - iii. Johnny Torres
- b. Chrysta clarifies that the comments in the chat have already been identifying who the public thinks should supported, who's being neglected, who's experiencing disparities, who's experiencing challenges that Measure J funding can address. She then resumed public comment:
 - i. Cedric Farmer
 - ii. Raymond Garcia
 - iii. Ace
 - iv. Reynaldo Reaser
 - v. LaTanya Ward
 - vi. Alex Sanchez
 - vii. Michae
 - viii. V
 - ix. Dolores Canales

8. Raymundo and Roberto provide closing comments.

- a. Roberto acknowledges that he has been hearing the community.
 - i. Declares that this is an opportunity to educate each other which is why there were presenters from the community in today's meeting.
 - ii. Learn more about certain programs/resources that are or are not working.
 - iii. Next meeting the Co-Chairs will strictly be focusing on targeting the recommendations and begin voting for the next two meetings.
- b. Public Comment
 - i. Raymond Garcia
- c. Raymundo takes over and thank all presenters and reminded that the presentations were requested by the community and that the next meeting will be solution focused and not have presentations.

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9. Adjournment

Adjournment for the Measure J Re-Imagine LA Reentry Subcommittee of
Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

[There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned by co-chairs Roberto Luca
and Raymundo Zacarias.